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SUBJ: MFM WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES

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1. ACTING ECON COUSELOR CONSULTED AMBASSADOR FIGUERERO AUG 5 CONCERNING QUESTIONS REFTEL, AND RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMMENTS: GOA DOES NOT PLAN TO TABLE AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. GOA WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PRESENT A PAPER OTHER THAN THAT WHICH WAS APPROVED FOR THE ALGIERS MEETING AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONSIDERED BY UN GROUP. AGENDA PRESUMABLY WILL BE BASED PARTLY ON USG WORK PAPER TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER COMMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE RECEIVED FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

2. CONCERNING ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF MEETING, GOA CONTEMPLATES THAT US WILL BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN, SOME OTHER COUNTRY VICE CHAIRMAN (HOPEFULLY SOME DELEGATE OF PROVEN CAPABILITY), AND GOA EXPECTS TO BE RAPPOREUR. FIGUERERO COMMENTED THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE TOO FEW DELEGATES TO BREAK UP INTO DIFFERENT WORKING SUBGROUPS, EXCEPT POSSIBLY FOR A DRAFTING COMMITTEE. FIGUERERO COMMENTED THAT 4 DAYS SEEMS TOO LONG FOR SUCH A MEETING.

3. GOA DOES NOT WISH TO SHARE THE JOB OF TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT. THEY ARE WILLING TO RELINQUISH TO THE USG, AS HOST, THE FULL
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RESPONSIBILITY. THEY WOULD HOWEVER APPRECIATE RECEIVING AFTERWARDS

A FINAL REPORT OF THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE PRINTED TOGETHER WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR THE MFM IN MARCH.

4. REGARDING RULE OF PROCEDURE, GOA FEELS THERE SHOULD BE AS FEW AS POSSIBLE FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY, THAT MEETING SHOULD RELY ON CONSENSUS, AND ANY RULES NEEDED COULD BE DEVELOPED ON CASE BY CASE BASIS. FIGUERERO MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THAT GOA WOULD NOT WANT TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO TAKE PART. HE SUGGESTED THAT MEETING TAKE FOLLOWING FORM: A) APPROVAL OF AGENDA; B) ELECTION OF OFFICERS; C) APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THIS MEETING (INSTEAD OF ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH COULD OCCUPY A WHOLE DAY). D) DISCUSS PROGRAM OF PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE JANUARY MEETING. E) RECEIVE REPORT OF RAPPORTEUR; F) DECIDE PLACE AND DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THIS GROUP AND/OR SUBGROUPS; G) DRAFT COMMUNIQUE, IF US AND OTHER COUNTRIES FEEL ONE IS NECESSARY (GOA DOES NOT FEEL THIS IS NECESSARY).

5. FIGUERERO SAID THERE WAS NO NEED TO DEBATE THE PURPOSE OF THE GROUP SINCE THIS WAS ALREADY DEFINED. HE FELT THAT THE MEETING SHOULD BE KEPT CLOSED, AND THEREFORE THERE IS NO NEED TO DISCUSS COORDINATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

6. FIGUERERO SAID THAT HIS OWN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING WOULD DEPEND PARTIALLY ON WHO, IF ANYONE, MIGHT BE SELECTED TO ATTEND FROM THE THE MIN OF ECON. FYI: HE ADDED PRIVATELY THAT IF TETTAMANTI ATTENDED, HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT ECONOMY MINISTER GELBARD MIGHT CHOOSE NOT TO SEND ANYONE. END FYI. IF FIGUERERO GOES AT ALL, HE HOPES TO GO A FEW DAYS EARLY.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: FIGUERERO ASKED WHEN USG WORKING PAPER WOULD BE AVAILABLE. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FOR REPLY. DECON

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